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RESISTANCE  
WILL BE MET  
WITH AUTHORIZED  
USE OF DEADLY  
FORCE.

FASCIST  
PUSHBAGS.

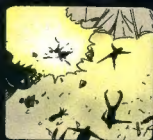
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I'M NOT  
IN THE MOOD  
TO SCREW WITH  
YOU RIGHT  
NOW.

AAAAA

WRAAASH





PRECISELY  
WHAT HAPPENED  
HERE IN THE URBAN  
WASTELANDS NEAR  
SOUTH RAMP FOUR  
TONIGHT REMAINS  
A MYSTERY.

**LIVE 11**



INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL PIECING TOGETHER THE WRECKAGE --

-- HUMAN AND OTHER-WISE --

-- IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE FACTS.



MORE PROFOUNDLY DISTURBING THAN EVEN THE SHOCKING BRUTALITY OF THIS CRIME, HOWEVER --


-- IS THE NATURE OF ITS PERPETRATOR.

REVEALED HERE IN EXCLUSIVE FOOTAGE PROVIDED BY CENTRAL SECURITY --



-- IS AN UNEARTHLY CREATURE SEEMINGLY STRAIGHT OUT OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY'S AGE OF HEROES.




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ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL STATEMENTS, THIS MODERN-DAY "GHOST RIDER" ESCAPED THE SCENE AFTER A HEATED BATTLE WITH C&G OFFICERS --


-- AND EVEN NOW REMAINS AT LARGE.


THIS IS INTOLERABLE.

FIRST, AN EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT HIGH-SECURITY FILE WAS ALLOWED TO FALL INTO THE HANDS OF COMMON DATA PIRATES.

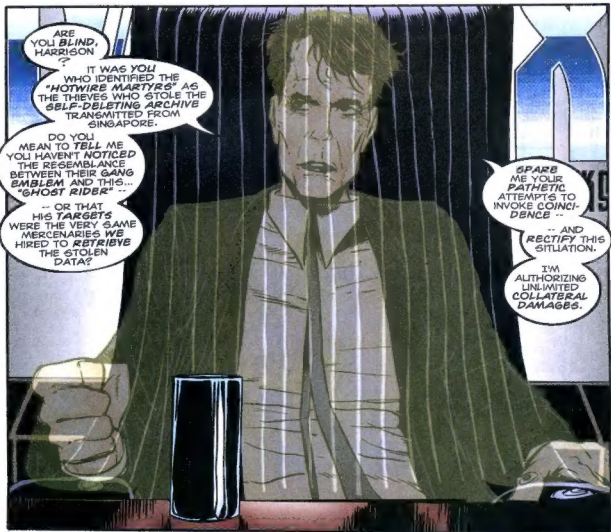
AND NOW, OUR GRIP ON LAW AND ORDER ITSELF IS BREAKING DOWN.



SIR, WITH ALL RESPECT, I FAIL TO SEE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN --







ARE  
YOU BLIND,  
HARRISON?

IT WAS YOU  
WHO IDENTIFIED THE  
"HOTWIRE MARTYRS" AS  
THE THIEVES WHO STOLE THE  
SELF-DELETING ARCHIVE  
TRANSMITTED FROM  
SINGAPORE.

DO YOU  
MEAN TO TELL ME  
YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED  
THE RESEMBLANCE  
BETWEEN THEIR GANG  
EMBLEM AND THIS...  
"GHOST RIDER" --

-- OR THAT  
HIS TARGETS  
WERE THE VERY SAME  
MERCENARIES WE  
HIRED TO RETRIEVE  
THE STOLEN  
DATA?

SPARE  
ME YOUR  
PATHETIC  
ATTEMPTS TO  
INVOKE COINCIDENCE --

-- AND  
RECTIFY THIS  
SITUATION.

I'M  
AUTHORIZING  
UNLIMITED  
COLLATERAL  
DAMAGES.

THAT'S  
GOING TO  
STRAIN  
RELATIONS  
WITH URMAN  
AND CSS.  
MIGHT I  
SUGGEST --

YOU MAY  
NOT.  
URBAN  
MANAGEMENT  
AND CENTRAL  
SECURITY  
SYSTEMS WILL  
COOPERATE --

SHOULD  
WE IMPOSE  
MEDIA  
BLACKOUT  
ON THIS?

-- OR  
SUFFER THE  
CONSEQUENCES.

NO.

WITH THE  
PROPER SPIN  
CONTROL --

THESE  
ARE THE  
QUESTIONS  
BEING ASKED  
TONIGHT --

-- WE  
MAY BE  
ABLE TO TURN  
THIS TO OUR  
ADVANTAGE.





JAMMIT.  
SEE!  
IT'S BEEN A WEEK!



UNLESS  
HE'S  
DEAD

AND  
SOMEBODY  
KILLS YOUR GUY,  
YOU'RE SUPPOSED  
TO... I DUNNO, DO  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT IT

I'D  
HAVE HEARD  
FROM HIM  
BY NOW,  
UNLESS ..

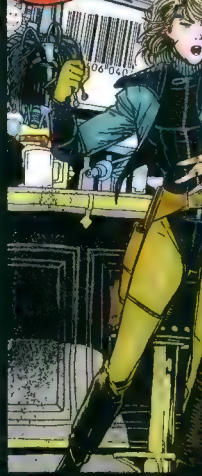


BLIT THERE'S  
ZIP-ALL I CAN  
DO WITHOUT A  
CYBERJOCK --

AND IT'S  
NOT LIKE I'VE  
GOT THE FLASH  
CASH FOR  
THAT.



TRP  
TRP



Whoa!

NON-  
HOSTILE,  
HONEST!

YEAH?  
SO WHAT  
DYA WANT?



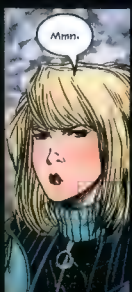
YOU NEED  
A COWBOY TO  
PUNCH DECK,  
RIGHT?

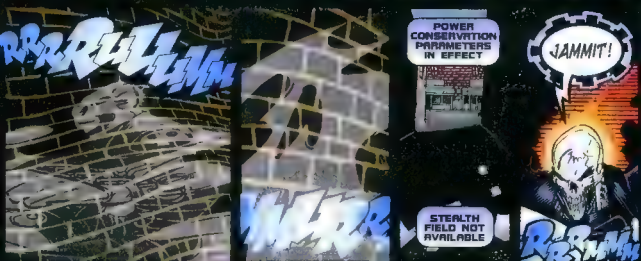
VID IT: YOU'RE  
LOOKIN' AT JIMMY  
ALHAZARD,  
ÜBERHACKER  
EXTRAORDI-  
NAIRE ..

BETTER  
KNOWN AS  
THE DREADED  
**DOCTOR  
NEON!**









YOUR BODY IS A MODIFIED CYBERTEK IOI CHASSIS HOUSING A METATASKING NEUROMIMETIC NETWORK.

YOU GOT POLUMEN-TATION?

A VARIETY OF USER HELP FILES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN MEMORY.

OH, I SEE 'EM NOW.

"USER-PROGRAMMABLE SOLIDOGRAM CAMOUFLAGE SYSTEM?"

LET'S GIVE THAT A TRY.

JAGGED. AND A STEALTH FIELD?

I CAN DO SOME SERIOUS DAMAGE WITH THAT.

REMEMBER NOW, LADDIE, THE CLOAKING DEVICE REQUIRES QUITE A BIT OF ENERGY. YE CANNOT USE IT FOR LONG PERIODS.

AN WATCH YOUR BATTERY STATUS -- Y'LL BE NEEDIN' DAILY RECHARGES TO MAINTAIN FULL CAPACITY.

YEAH. YEAH.

IF YOU DINNA RESUPPLY THE SARRIUM KRELLIDE STORAGE CELLS REGULARLY, YE COULD CRASH THE WHOLE KIT AN' KABOODLE.

I HEARD YOU ALREADY!





THE VEHICLE  
IS A CUSTOMIZED  
FORD VELOCIRAPTOR  
NINE-HUNDRED-XL  
WITH A-GRAY  
PROPULSION, SUPER-  
CHARGED TURBO-  
THRUSTERS --

- AND  
A GENUINE  
PSEUDO-  
LEATHER  
UPHOLSTERY.

ACES.

JUST NEED  
TO MAKE ONE  
LAST ADJUSTMENT  
TO THE IMAGE  
PARAMETERS --

-- AND  
I'M STREET-  
READY.

OKAY,  
SO IT'S A  
STATEMENT.

SAVE  
IT FOR  
LATER

THE LAST  
THING YOU  
WANT RIGHT  
NOW --

S TO GET  
NOTICED.

WOOO  
WOOO  
WOOO

HAIT!

CRUNCH THE  
NUMBERS,  
GENIUS

YOU NEED  
TO SHAKE THE  
HEAT AND SCORE  
SOME VOLTS.

SPELLS ONE  
PLACE, AND  
THAT'S --

VRRLIM



A  
DISASTER  
AREA.

TOTALLY  
SKELTERED!

HOW  
DO YOU FIND  
ANYTHING?

HEY,  
I KNOW  
WHERE IT  
ALL IS.

SO  
WHAT'S THE  
BUZZ?

WE  
GONNA RAID  
ALCHEMAX FOR  
SOME CLASSIFIED  
GENE-  
SEQUENCES?

OR  
MAYBE CRACK  
DRYCO AN READ  
THE OLD MAN'S  
PERSONAL  
DIARIES?



SCOPE  
THIS.



HO-  
KAY.



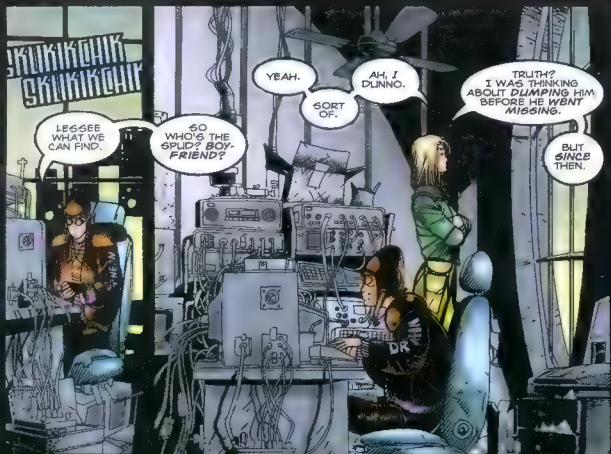
DO ME A  
FAVOR --

SAVE  
THIS  
MESSAGE  
TO DISK,  
OKAY?



Hmmmm.

ONLY  
REASON TO  
DO THAT'D BE IF  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
ENCRYPTED INTO  
THE LSB'S OF THE  
VIDEO FBBD.



LEGSSEE  
WHAT WE  
CAN FIND.

SO  
WHO'S THE  
SPUD? BOY-  
FRIEND?

YEAH.

AH, I  
DUNNO.

SORT  
OF.

TRUTH?  
I WAS THINKING  
ABOUT DUMPING HIM  
BEFORE HE WENT  
MISSING.

BUT  
SINCE  
THEN.

...I  
CAN'T  
STOP  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
HIM.

I  
FEBL HIM  
EVERYWHERE...  
LIKE I CAN'T  
SEE HIM, BUT  
I KNOW HE'S  
THERE.

HAUNTING  
ME.  
LIKE...A  
GHOST.

FUNNY


SOUNDS  
TO ME LIKE THE  
DEFINITION -

OF  
INFORMA-  
TION.

SKITAKEHITKUT

PLIK





UNIT FIFTEEN OH ONE  
TO CENTRAL, SUSPECT  
IS HEADING EAST ON  
STRAYLIGHT --  
HANG ON, HE'S  
TURNING --

AW,  
NO.

HE'S TAKING  
DETONATION  
BOULEVARD.

FROM ZACAT SURVEY,  
TRANSVERSE CITY  
EDITION,  
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"Why anybody'd want this  
hellish ship of concrete  
gangrene, we don't know --

DETONATION  
WROOOOM

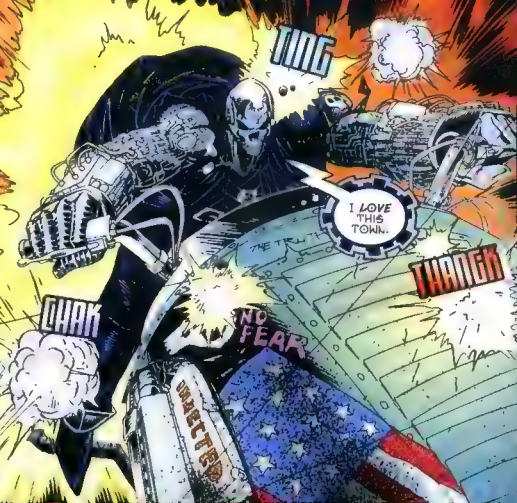


-- but a half-dozen different bands  
of urban guerrillas've spent two  
decades killing each other over it.

"The road is mined, the buildings  
booby-trapped, the snipers carry  
anti-tank guns. We're talking year-  
round sudden death rodeo.

SKBLA

"Bottom line,  
an absolute  
must to avoid."



PULL  
OVER.

THIS  
IS YOUR  
FINAL  
WARNING.

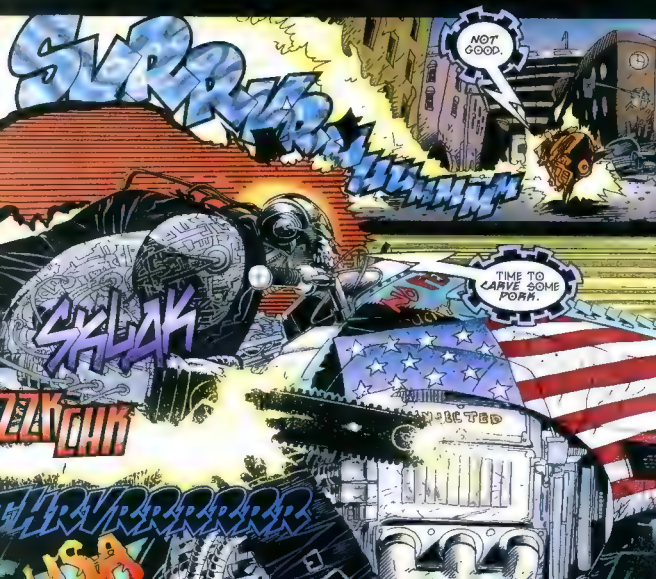
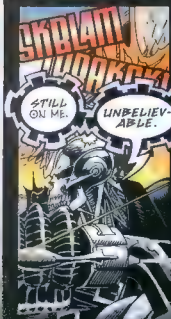
AREN'T  
YOU DEAD  
YET?!



UNIT TWELVE-  
SEVENTEEN TO  
CENTRAL --

-- WE'RE  
GONNA NEED  
BACKUP









THREE-  
NINE-ONE-ONE  
TO CENTRAL,  
EMERGENCY!

"SERVICE AND  
JUSTICE?"

WHERE'S  
MINE?

SERVICE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

SWAAAAA!

OFFICER  
UNDER  
ATT--

SERVICE AND JUSTICE

WHERE  
WERE  
YOU --

VRRRRRR SHRAK

-AAHGK

-- WHEN I  
WAS GETTING  
MURDERED?!

GHNK

SCREW  
YOUR  
JUSTICE.

HAKK  
KHUKK

I'M  
MAKING MY  
OWN.

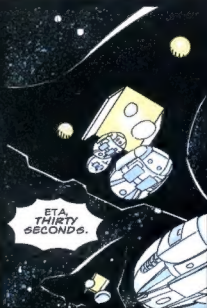
TWO-  
ONE-FOUR  
FOUR TO  
CENTRAL!

WHERE'S  
THAT  
BACKUP?!

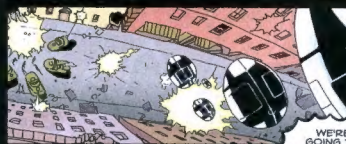


AH,  
ROGER TWO-  
ONE-FOUR-FOUR,  
THIS IS ONE-EIGHT-  
NINE AIRBORNE.

BACKLIP  
IS EN  
ROUTE.



ETA  
THIRTY  
SECONDS.



GROUND UNITS, THIS  
IS ATAC\* COMMAND;  
WE ARE ASSUMING  
SITUATION CONTROL.

\*ADVANCED TACTICAL  
ARMORED COMBAT.

WE'RE  
GOING TO  
NEED TRAFFIC  
ISOLATION IN  
SECTOR  
SEVENTEEN.

IT MAY  
GET UGLY  
DOWN  
THERE.

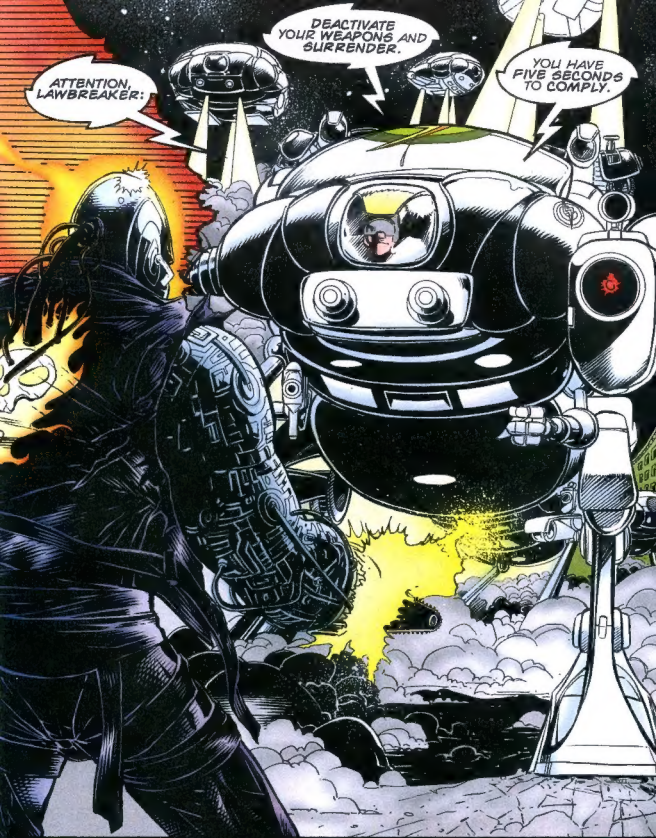


SSSKSSSSSSFFF



SHOCKIN'  
TERRIFIZ.





**GET UP AND RUNNING**







**STRANGERS WALK  
AMONG US.**

**DOCTOR  
STRANGE**

**SORCERER SUPREME**

**THE BEGINNING OF A BOLD NEW ERA**

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